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Ref: 394-21272

Honorable James Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Eaton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
BA-BB Zone, Reservoir A, SUA
MAIN PASS BLOCK 47 FIELD
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.** (replacing original pre-applicant, Amerada Hess Corporation) for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the BA-BB Zone, Reservoir A, Main Pass Block 47 Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 296 acres for the BA-BB Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the BA-BB RA SUA, Main Pass Block 47 Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the BA-BB RA SUA;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. as operator of the proposed BA-BB RA SUA.
5. To designate the Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.-State Lease 16850 No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed BA-BB RA SUA.
6. To provide any wells drilled to the aforementioned sand should be exempt from the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
7. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the each of the sands and reservoirs by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of each reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

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8. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The BA-BB Zone, in the Main Pass Block 47 Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 6,793 feet (6608' tvd) and 8,770 feet (8110' tvd) (electrical log measurements) in the Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.-State Lease 16850 No. 1 Well.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Metairie, Louisiana on August 7, 2002 pursuant to pre-application notice of Amerada Hess Corporation. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

Mr. Louis Gilbert on behalf of the original applicant presented their plans. Mr. Bill Robbins on behalf of Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. presented another geologic interpretation. This application is a reconciliation of differences between the original applicant and Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. after the initial pre-application conference. Part of the reconciliation of differences included using a zone definition for the proposed unit. There should be no opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

As provided in Rule 9 of the Revised Rules of Procedure of the Commissioner of Conservation, Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. offers to schedule a pre-hearing conference immediately to discuss the revised plat if such a conference is requested by a party receiving a copy of this letter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the BA-BB RA SUA, Main Pass Block 47 Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties. A pre-hearing conference will be held if requested by any interested party.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill Robbins, of William H. Robbins & Associates, Inc., 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantier

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties and parties on attached list

BLOCK 52

Kerr McGee
SL 12/2

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11000'

Linder
SL 13928
9614'

BA-BB RA SUA
S.L. 16850 No. 1
± 296 ACRES

SL 16849

Kerr McGee
SL 12/2
* 14
8501'

BLOCK LINE

BLOCK 53

Kerr McGee
SL 12/3
* 5
10005'

SL 16667

Torch
O.A.
* 20000
7540'

Kerr McGee
SL 12/3
* 6
9115'

SL 16851

Kerr McGee &
Union of Cal.
SL 12/3
* 1C
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Clayton Williams
SL 16850
9307' MD
8519' VD
Kerr McGee
SL 12/2
* 1H
10205' SL 16850

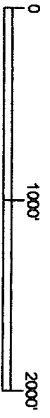
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DATE:

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC.

MAIN PASS BLOCK 47
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT
BA-BB ZONE



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